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**WALKER TO HONOR MILITARY AT ZOO EVENT JULY 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Event Co-hosted by the Military Order of the Purple Heart**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker will co-host Operation Freedom this Sunday at the Milwaukee County Zoo, together with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The event pays tribute to our military. Operation Freedom is free to all branches of the Armed Forces – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, Reserves, National Guard, veterans and their families in Wisconsin.

Last year more than 15,000 members of the military and their families enjoyed the free picnic, zoo exhibits, military vehicle displays and patriotic program. Wristbands, required for free entrance to the zoo grounds for the 9am – 6pm event, were distributed by Veterans Service Offices statewide. Veterans and active duty personnel can call 414-299-9052 for information.

Radio host Jeff Wagner of Newsradio WTMJ 620 will co-host the formal program at 2pm with Walker. A flyover by the Commemorative Air Force will take place during the program, along with an all-services Color Guard, flag-folding ceremony by the Southeast Wisconsin Young Marines and a Native American veteran ceremony performed by Mark Denning and the United Dancers.

The zoo will also be open to the public with regular zoo admission.

**Please note Shuttle Service:** Parking will be limited at the zoo lots. Operation Freedom visitors are encouraged to use the free shuttle at Milwaukee County's Fleet Management lot at 10320 Watertown Plank Road at Highway 45 and Watertown Plank Road west of Interstate 94. **All Will-Call admissions are at this location.**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Sunday, July 1, 2007</b>
<b>PROGRAM TIME:</b>	<b>2pm</b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Milwaukee County Zoo Stage at south end of zoo parking lot adjacent to Maple Cove</b>

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